

WE CLAIM:

1. A method for balancing the load on a plurality of name-servers that provide access to resources associated with a domain name, comprising:
 - (a) receiving a request for access to resources associated with the domain name;
 - (b) determining the load for each of a plurality of name-servers that provide access to resources associated with the domain name;
 - (c) selecting one of the plurality of name-servers to provide the access, the selection of the name-server being based on a determination for optimally balancing the load on the plurality of name-servers; and
 - (d) directing the request for access to the selected name-server so that the load is optimally balanced on the plurality of name-servers on a network.